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Letter dated 19 April 2010 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the communiqué issued by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission commending the people of the Sudan and the Sudanese political parties for peacefully conducting multiparty general elections from 11 to 15 April 2010, while also commending the efforts deployed by the National Elections Commission (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 19 April 2010 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Communiqué on the Sudanese General Elections

16 April 2010

The Chairperson of the African Union Commission wishes to commend the people of the Sudan and the Sudanese political parties for peacefully conducting the just-concluded multiparty general elections, held from 11 to 15 April 2010. These elections constitute a fundamental milestone towards realizing the democratic transformation of the Sudan, as espoused in the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement. Indeed, they have thus enabled the majority of the Sudanese citizens to exercise their civic and democratic rights by electing representatives of their choice for the first time in 24 years.

The Chairperson notes that the elections were faced with some administrative and logistic challenges and, in this regard, expresses his appreciation for the efforts deployed by the National Elections Commission to address and resolve them. It was encouraging that such challenges did not impact negatively on the resolve of the Sudanese people to cast their votes.

The Chairperson reiterates the unwavering support of the African Union for the Sudanese people, especially through the mission and work of the African Union High-Level Implementation Panel. He is confident that the Panel's efforts will be instrumental in helping the Sudanese stakeholders implement the remaining key aspects of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and bring about peace, national reconciliation and justice in Darfur.

The Chairperson would like to urge the Sudanese people to continue maintaining calm, and looks forward to a smooth completion of the electoral process with the announcement of the final results of the elections.